

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation of pending (and allowed) prior application Serial No. **09/923,222**, filed on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, 2001 for **FIBERS FOR REINFORCING MATRIX MATERIALS**.

**PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON SERIAL NO. 09/923,222 WHICH WILL BE ISSUED ON 7/22/03.**

1. (a) ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration as originally filed.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. **09/923,222**, originally filed on August 6, 2001, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U. S. C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING (37 CFR §1.10)**

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willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

- (b) ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the prior applications (U.S. Serial Nos.      and      ) as originally filed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney in the prior application Serial No.      , which copy was filed      , in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated      . Also enclosed is a copy of the provisional application cover sheet in the prior application Serial No.      filed      .

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No.      , originally filed on      , and a true copy of prior application Serial No.      filed on      , and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

2. (a) ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS  
CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW**

|                                      | Number<br>Filed | Number<br>Extra | Rate         |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee                            |                 |                 |              | \$750.00        |
| Total Claims                         | 6- 20           | 0               | x \$ 18.00 = | \$ 0.00         |
| Independent                          | 1-3             | 0               | x \$ 84.00 = | \$ 0.00         |
| Multiple Dependent Claims,<br>if any | 0               |                 | x \$280.00 = | \$ 0.00         |
| <b>FILING FEE</b>                    |                 |                 |              | <b>\$750.00</b> |

3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 07-1756. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.
4. ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_ is enclosed.
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2- 24 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) Please enter new claims 25-30 as set forth in the Preliminary Amendment under 37 CFR §1.115(b), filed herewith.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
- This is a  
☒ continuation of application Serial No. 09/923,222, filed AUGUST 6, 2001, allowed; which is a divisional of Serial No. 09/609,148 filed June 30,

2000 and issued as US 6,503,625; which is a CIP of Serial No. 09/416,012 filed October 8, 1999, issued as US 6,197,423.

7a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed for filing in the prior application file. *(May only be used if signed by person authorized by 37 CFR §1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)*

7b. ☐ Transfer the following sheet(s) of drawings from the prior application to this application: .

7c. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

8. ☐ Priority of application Provisional Serial No. , filed on , and application Serial No. filed , in THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

9. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

10. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to W.R. GRACE & CO.-CONN. A copy of the Recordation of Assignment for 37 CFR §3.11 recorded on January 26, 2001, in the prior application assigned at reel/frame 011472/0657 and a copy of the patent assignment, 6 pages is attached hereto. This assignment covers the present divisional as well.

11. ☒ Inventorship Statement

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

☒ the same;

☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

(Type name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted)

12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to

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a. ☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The power appears in the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated October 23, 2000. A copy of this Declaration and Power of Attorney is enclosed.
13. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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